SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

ORDER OF PRESIDING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE TERMINATING DISCOVERY PROCEEDINGS

Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X)

CONSOLIDATED RAIL CORPORATION—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN HUDSON COUNTY, NJ

Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 686X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION—IN HUDSON COUNTY, NJ

Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 306X)

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY—DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE EXEMPTION—IN HUDSON COUNTY, NJ

Decided: January 3, 2017

The Board has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to employ the services of FERC administrative law judges on a case-by-case basis to perform discrete, Board-assigned functions such as adjudicating discovery disputes between parties in cases pending before the Board.

By a decision served on July 5, 2016, the Board assigned and authorized Administrative Law Judge John P. Dring of the FERC to entertain and rule upon discovery matters and to resolve all disputes concerning discovery in these proceedings.

It is ordered:

- 1. Pursuant to my announcement in the October 24, 2016 Oral Arguments, the discovery proceedings in the above-referenced dockets are hereby terminated as of the date of this order.
 - 2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, John P. Dring, Administrative Law Judge.